

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 94, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 8-22 with the following paragraph:

The nucleic acid molecule denoted nfspI<sub>573</sub> described in Example 6 of related PCT Publication No. WO 96/11,706 was further sequenced using standard nucleotide sequencing methods. A nucleic acid molecule was identified of about 1007 nucleotides, referred to herein as nfspI<sub>1007</sub>, the coding strand is denoted herein as SEQ ID NO:61. Translation of SEQ ID NO:61 suggests that SEQ ID NO:61 encodes a non-full-length flea salivary protein of about 155 amino acids, referred to herein as PfspI<sub>155</sub>, having amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:62, assuming the first codon spans from about nucleotide 1 through about nucleotide 3 of SEQ ID NO:61 and the termination codon spans from about nucleotide 466 through about nucleotide 468 of SEQ ID NO:61. The complement of SEQ ID NO:61 is represented herein by SEQ ID NO:63.